



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Benn Lewis
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its environmental review of the November 4, 2005 revised plans and specifications for the abatement and demolition of the buildings at 133-135 Greenwich Street and 21-23 Thames Street prepared by Airtek Environmental Corp. (Airtek) on behalf of the Greenwich Street Project, LLC. EPA does not by this letter render an opinion on whether Greenwich Street Project, LLC has met all the legal and permit requirements of the City of New York related to the party wall shared with 120 Cedar Street. This letter is to inform you that work pertaining to the abatement and demolition activities may proceed as discussed below.

On November 9, 2005, representatives of the EPA spoke with the NYC Department of Buildings (NYCDOB) about the potential impact of the demolition work on the structural integrity of the adjoining building at 120 Cedar Street. NYCDOB stated that its inspectors would review the permits submitted for the demolition of the buildings at 133-135 Greenwich Street and 21-23 Thames Street to ascertain whether there are any steps that must be taken to ensure that demolition activities would not impair the structural integrity of the adjoining building at 120 Cedar Street. NYCDOB also stated that its demolition inspectors would monitor the demolition phase for compliance with the requirements of the permit. On November 14, 2005, representatives of the NYCDOB notified the EPA that the information provided to them by the Greenwich Street Project, LLC resolved the issue of the party wall. EPA has made no inquiry about the obligation, if any, of Greenwich Street Project, LLC to secure permission from the owners of 120 Cedar for any access related to the party wall.

EPA has documented the presence of contamination in buildings impacted by the collapse of the World Trade Center (WTC) that are located in close proximity to 133-135 Greenwich Street and 21-23 Thames Street in Manhattan. As a result, we believe that 133-135 Greenwich Street and 21-23 Thames Street are likely to be contaminated with WTC dust and debris containing asbestos, lead, and other hazardous substances and contaminants. As a result,, the highest priority of the regulatory agencies and the Greenwich Street Project, LLC in

preparing the abatement and demolition plans has been the prevention of any releases into the environment and impact on neighboring residents and workers. The abatement and demolition of 133-135 Greenwich Street and 21-23 Thames Street in a safe and effective manner requires the best efforts of all concerned to ensure that it is completed properly and safely.

The abatement and demolition plans are intended to implement best management practices for all phases of the abatement and demolition project, to incorporate containment measures to control potential releases of contaminants, and to provide comprehensive air monitoring coupled with appropriate mechanisms which may trigger work stoppage to address any releases that may occur. Adherence to the safeguards contained in the abatement and demolition plans, and careful monitoring of abatement and demolition activities throughout the project will help prevent the occurrence of situations that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health and the environment.

Specifically, the abatement and demolition plans include the following:

- Part I Revised Work Plan for Abatement and Demolition of 133-135 Greenwich Street and 21-23 Thames Street, dated November 10, 2005;
- Part II Environmental Community Air Monitoring Plan During the Abatement and Demolition of 133-135 Greenwich Street and 21-23 Thames Street, dated November 4, 2005;
- Part III Health and Safety Plan for 133-135 Greenwich/21-23 Thames Street Deconstruction/Demolition Project, dated November 4, 2005;
- Part IV Waste Sampling and Management Plan for the Abatement and Demolition of 133-135 Greenwich Street and 21-23 Thames Street, dated November 4, 2005;
- Part V Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Environmental Community Air Monitoring Program and Waste Management Plan, 133-135 Greenwich Street/21-23 Thames Street, dated November 9, 2005;
- November 8, 2005 letter, and its attachment, from Mr. Benn Lewis, of Airtek, to Mr. Pat Evangelista, of EPA, with regard to waste characterization sampling;
- November 10, 2005 letter, from Mr. Michael Porter, of Airtek, to Mr. Radhakrishnan, of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, with regard to a party wall between 133-135 Greenwich Street and 120 Cedar Street; and
- November 10, 2005 letter, from Mr. Borys Hayda, of Desimone Consulting Engineers, PLLC, to Mr. Bennito Palmieri, of the NYCDOB, with regard to a party wall between 133-135 Greenwich Street and 120 Cedar Street.

We encourage you to continue to keep the public informed throughout the abatement and demolition project by regular interactions with local elected officials and community members to

convey monitoring data, overall progress on the project, and day-to-day developments that may have immediate local impacts. EPA and the other regulatory agencies will monitor the abatement and demolition work as it progresses, and will be available for consultation with the Greenwich Street Project, LLC and its consultants and contractors throughout the execution of the project.

Sincerely,

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